





# Our Vision

Women creating and leading a more inclusive society.

# Our Mission

As a leading voice and valued support network for women, VIEW actively raises awareness of, and participates in, the work of The Smith Family.



Lorraine Sumpton and Sandra McGavin, Kawana Waters VIEW Club (QLD)

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# Our Guiding Principles

- Inclusive and welcoming
- Diverse and respecting
- Supportive and caring
- Locally focused while nationally active
- Collaborative and future looking



VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 15,000 members in more than 300 communities exclusively supporting the education charity The Smith Family. Members sponsor students, volunteer, fundraise and advocate to improve the life outcomes of disadvantaged Australian children and young people.

As The Smith Family's largest community sponsor of *Learning for Life* students, VIEW supports the educational outcomes of more than 1,400 disadvantaged children and young people.

Through its connection with The Smith Family, VIEW is proud to enable better futures for young Australians.

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Front cover: Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW (centre) with VIEW Executive and representatives from The Smith Family at the launch of VIEW's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee celebrations at NSW Government House.



VIEW National Executive  
2020-21: Beryl Pike, Anne-  
Louise O'Connor and Jo Gray

## From the Executive

Happy Anniversary VIEW Clubs! Even with the challenging times we are currently experiencing, it's an exciting time to be part of VIEW as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee!

I am honoured to be National President for 2020-21 as we mark 60 years of strength and support of our wonderful organisation, and its partnership with The Smith Family. Although our year of celebrations is looking very different to what was planned, the past few months have highlighted the strength, spirit and creativity of VIEW members. I am so proud of the support and friendship you have shown each other, despite not being able to meet in person. We are all learning new ways to communicate with each other and I urge you all to follow our Facebook page and Instagram account to link with members. Please also visit our Stay Connected page on [view.org.au](http://view.org.au).

Prior to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, many members had the pleasure to attend special Vice Regal receptions which launched our 60th Anniversary celebrations. Each reception was memorable in its own way and hosted by the Governors

of New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia. Sadly, the planned celebration to be hosted by His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor-General of Australia at Yarralumla was postponed to an unknown future date.

We have also made the hard decision to postpone the Sydney 60th Anniversary celebrations - 'Diamond Jubilee' High Tea and 'All that Sparkles' Gala Dinner scheduled for July. These two celebrations will now be held on Friday 30 October 2020. Visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) for more details about the events and how to book your ticket.

Let's not forget the devastating bushfires of last summer that impacted many VIEW members. I have been extremely pleased to hear that in areas where members' homes and property were lost, others have rallied to provide comfort, support and practical help as needed. This is the strength of VIEW - a community

ready to support those in need. My thoughts and best wishes go to those members who face many long months of recovery and rebuilding.

The start of the year has been an important planning time for National Vice Presidents, Jo Gray and Beryl Pike and me. Our vision as your National Executive is to see VIEW grow, strengthen, develop, and to ensure VIEW remains the strong organisation it is today. Together we can continue to make a difference to disadvantaged students and their families. Stay safe, keep well and we look forward to coming through this difficult period and returning with you to VIEW in the near future.

**Anne-Louise O'Connor**  
National President

## What is VIEW?

VIEW is a national women's volunteer organisation supporting the education charity, The Smith Family. Connected through a common purpose, VIEW Club's 15,000 plus members:

- make lasting friendships, share

ideas and knowledge and enjoy social activities;

- learn and develop new skills, while giving back to their communities; and
- advocate for and support the educational outcomes of disadvantaged Australian students.

Find out more about VIEW by visiting [view.org.au](http://view.org.au), calling 1800 805 366 or emailing [view@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:view@thesmithfamily.com.au)







## Message from The Smith Family

Congratulations on your 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee – what a momentous milestone! Thank you to VIEW Clubs of Australia for 60 amazing years of strength and support. To each and every one of you, thank you for your individual contributions and support for The Smith Family.

The recent Vice Regal events in Sydney, Hobart, Brisbane and Adelaide were a wonderful and fitting tribute to the outstanding contribution of VIEW Clubs over the last 60 years.

These events reflect the high regard and respect for VIEW nationwide and acknowledge your outstanding service and support in Australian communities. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak many of VIEW's 60th Anniversary celebrations have been postponed, however there will be a time when we can all come together again, and we can look forward to continuing to celebrate VIEW's Diamond Jubilee.

We are extremely grateful to VIEW Clubs for all your contributions.

In these extraordinary times, your continued support is crucial for the disadvantaged children and families we support.

As you would expect, The Smith Family's focus remains 100 per cent on supporting the children and families who need us. We are very aware that the brunt of this crisis will be most keenly felt by those who are most vulnerable. The last thing we want is for disadvantaged children to fall further behind in their learning as a result of this crisis. We will continue to provide our help and support right throughout.

As the largest community sponsor of students on our *Learning for Life* program, your sponsorships are making a huge difference. Thanks to you, we can continue to support the education

of children living in families who are really struggling to make ends meet, both during this crisis and into the future.

For 60 years, VIEW has had a unique and special connection with The Smith Family. We are extremely proud to be supported by a like-minded community of strong, generous, creative and pioneering women. You have changed, and you are changing the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged Australian children.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

**Dr Lisa O'Brien**  
Chief Executive Officer



VIEW members from the Yarra Valley, Victoria



Illawarra VIEW members at NSW Government House



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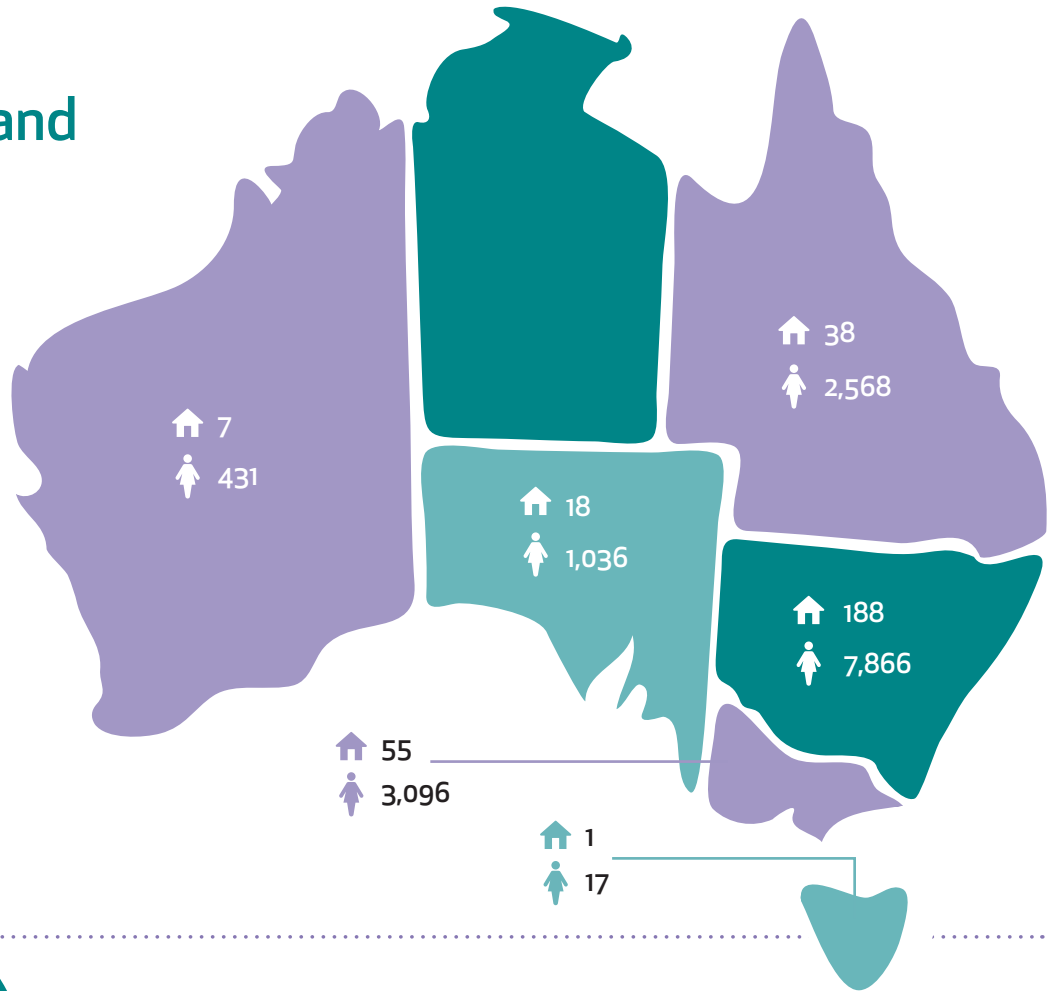
# VIEW's reach and contributions

## 1 April 2020

### Our Community

VIEW members nation-wide:  
**15,014**

-  VIEW Clubs
-  VIEW Members



VIEW Clubs sponsor  
**1,433**  
students on The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program

### Learning for Life sponsorships

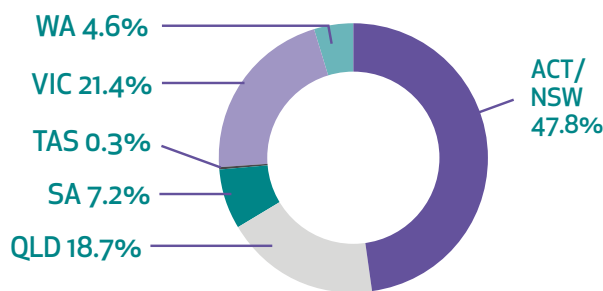
VIEW is proud to be The Smith Family's largest community sponsor of *Learning for Life* students.

School	1,123	ACT/NSW ..... 661
Senior School	290	QLD ..... 280
Tertiary	20	SA ..... 108
		TAS ..... 3
		VIC ..... 312
		WA ..... 69

### Contributions to The Smith Family

2019 calendar year (by State/Territory)

VIEW donates more than \$1 million annually to The Smith Family's programs for young people in need.



Winter Appeal	\$62,650
Toy & Book Appeal	\$60,000
Christmas Appeal	\$45,425
Joyspreaders Gift Appeal	\$188,831



### Meet your National Council 2020-21

led by National President, Anne-Louise O'Connor and Vice Presidents, Jo Gray and Beryl Pike, the VIEW National Council 2020-21 came together in February for a day of training, sharing knowledge and inspirational ideas. See page 2 for the names of the National Councillors in each area.



# Celebrating a milestone

## VIEW's 60th celebrations commence



Wendy Stafford and Chris Newell



Ellen Gray and Madge Doust with Her Excellency



In March, 60 years since the first VIEW Club was formed, members in New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia came together to mark VIEW's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee at very special Vice Regal events.

When 120 VIEW Club members presented themselves at NSW Government House Sydney for a 60th anniversary morning tea, few would have thought their historical knowledge would be put to the test.

Yet, a quiz about 1960 - the year of VIEW's founding - was one of the many delightful moments shared with Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, the host of the special occasion.

The Governor's morning tea, held on Tuesday 3 March, was a fitting way to commence celebrations to mark VIEW's 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee. Joining Her Excellency and Mr Wilson were VIEW's National Executive, members from several VIEW clubs throughout NSW, Mr Nicholas Moore, Chairman of The Smith Family, and other representatives from The Smith Family.

In her speech to guests, The Governor congratulated VIEW on its significant contribution to the

community and The Smith Family, saying she enjoyed welcoming and celebrating groups like VIEW who have contributed so much to Australia over a sustained period of time.

Governor Beazley referred to the song *"From little things big things grow"* written by iconic Australian lyricist Paul Kelly, when reflecting on the evolution of VIEW, from one small club formed in a living room in Balgowlah Heights in March 1960, to the organisation it is today, with 15,000 members in more than 300 clubs across the country.

"We don't know whether George Forbes was particularly prescient or whether he simply knew how big hearts can work," she said. "On behalf of the people of New South Wales, congratulations on your Diamond Jubilee and thank you for your unstinting service and the contribution you have made to the education of the children of this state and to developing the voice, interests and education of Australian women along the way."

VIEW's National President Anne-Louise O'Connor thanked the Governor for her warm welcome and hospitality, before reflecting on the six decades of VIEW and its strong future ahead.

"Very few organisations survive to celebrate 60 years yet we begin this celebratory year, with the opening of two new clubs!" Anne-Louise said.

"Today VIEW provides a supportive community for all women, no matter where they live, connecting with one another, forming lasting friendships, acquiring new skills, and supporting each other and their community."

Anne-Louise's sentiments were echoed by many of the members who were able to attend the morning tea on behalf of their club.

Pat Wright, a founding member of Macquarie Ryde Evening VIEW Club (NSW) said she was thrilled to be at the event with her fellow member, Catherine Collins.

"Being able to support disadvantaged children - as well as

VIEW members from the South Coast, NSW



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the friendships I've made - are the important parts of VIEW. With other groups, you don't get the community aspect nor are you able to participate in different things, like VIEW offers. Our club has 23 members and sponsors three *Learning for Life* children through fundraising activities - we're punching above our weight," she said.

Ellen Gray and Madge Doust, members from Lugarno Evening VIEW Club (NSW), had a ball at the morning tea, catching up with old VIEW friends and making new ones. The pair have been firm friends since meeting through VIEW, regularly enjoying long lunches to catch up on each other's lives outside of VIEW.

"Today is very special for VIEW," said Ellen, who believes the community of VIEW offers something unique to women through its friendship network and support for The Smith Family's work.

Vivienne Brown, who travelled from Springwood to attend the morning tea, enjoyed exploring Government House, learning about past Governors and catching up with VIEW friends.

"It has been wonderful to be here, to walk through the rooms and see the historic furnishings. It's terrific

for the NSW Governor to recognise VIEW's work in local communities and acknowledge our longstanding and valued partnership with The Smith Family," she said.

Other Vice Regal events also took place during March in Hobart, Brisbane and Adelaide. More local celebrations will take place later in the year, along with a 'Diamond Jubilee' High Tea and 'All that Sparkles' Gala Dinner, both on Friday 30 October 2020.

See [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) for details about these special events and how to book tickets.

### The NSW Governor's Quiz

1. Who was the Australian Prime Minister in 1960?
2. In which city were the Olympic Games held in 1960?
3. Elvis Presley had three top 10 hits in Australia in 1960? Can you name one?
4. What was the biggest dance craze in 1960?
5. What new kind of drink container was introduced in 1960?

See page 9 for answers



VIEW members at Government House Tasmania



VIEW members at Government House Queensland



VIEW members at Government House South Australia



# International Women's Day VIEW Clubs come together for all women

This year's International Women's Day events hosted by VIEW across Australia provided the opportunity to celebrate the progress of women and call for equality. Organising committees also saw the chance to honour the pioneering women of VIEW and the organisation's 60th anniversary.

Congratulations to the VIEW members and committees who organised and hosted International Women's Day events in March. Here is a recap of some activities that took place in the VIEW community.

In Melbourne, a combined luncheon saw close to 200 VIEW members from Melbourne-based clubs, and their friends, gather at Docklands for a very entertaining afternoon. Representatives from The Smith Family including Anton Leschen, The Smith Family's Victorian General Manager, showed their support for

VIEW by attending. Guests were visibly moved after hearing from Emily, a young student sponsored through The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program. Emily's story highlighted just how important The Smith Family's work is to young people growing up in disadvantage. A raffle held on the day raised \$3,500 for The Smith Family's learning and support programs in Victoria.

In South Australia, 160 VIEW members from Adelaide-based clubs came together with friends at the Port Adelaide Football Club. In her opening address, Anne Strangway, VIEW

National Councillor, urged members to use their individual voices to call for more gender equality. Guests also heard from Lainie Anderson, an author and journalist. A fashion parade followed lunch, resulting in many guests scurrying to the dressing rooms to try on new outfits. It was a fun-filled and entertaining afternoon for all.

Marion VIEW Club (SA) hosted their 8th 'VIEW and Community' lunch at the Marion Hotel. More than 200 VIEW members and friends enjoyed hearing from guests speakers, Janice Spraakman and Emma Grigson-Gair, and watching the fashion parade.



## Congratulations

to members from the Marion VIEW Club (SA) International Women's Day Committee 2019 who received a Service Award for the Community from Corey Wingard, Member for Gibson, South Australia, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services and Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Well done to Jill Cunningham, Erica Woolman, Lorraine Baker and Shirley Jenner, pictured left to right.



In Perth, VIEW members from West Coast VIEW Club (WA) enjoyed a luncheon at Hillarys Yacht Club, where significant funds were raised to support the club's 21 *Learning for Life* students and other programs run by The Smith Family in Western Australia. A highlight was hearing from two students currently sponsored through the *Learning for Life* program. Selina (21), who wants to be a performing arts teacher, and Christina (16), who hopes to become a lawyer, spoke about how their lives had been transformed by





Beryl Pike, National Vice President, Emily, *Learning for Life* student, Anton Leschen, from The Smith Family and Sandi Muntisov, VIEW member, in Melbourne



*Learning for Life* students, Selina and Christina, in Perth



L-R: Daughter and mother, Kerin Wood and Vicki Graham, Lugarno Evening VIEW Club (NSW)

moved from Sydney to Tamworth. Roya spoke about the differences of living in Australia, capping off an entertaining and inspiring afternoon.

On the NSW Mid North Coast, Bellinger Valley VIEW Club hosted a morning tea for fellow VIEW members and women from local associations. Guests heard from Shelley Lowe, the 2019 International Women's Day Coffs Coast Woman of The Year, who spoke about empowering women in the local community.

Almost 200 women from VIEW and local groups in the Clarence Valley, NSW, enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of inspiring speeches and entertainment. Guest speakers, Barbara Mahoney-Smith and Prue Leggoe OAM shared stories in the theme of education, mentoring and advocating for women and social change. Guests were also reminded of the importance of VIEW's voice in raising awareness about women's issues.



VIEW members Wendy Hunter and Elizabeth Birch at the Clarence Valley event

the support given by VIEW and The Smith Family. The event's keynote speaker, Angie Paskevicius, spoke about her life journey and leading not-for-profit organisation, Holyoake. Ian Moore, The Smith Family's Western Australian General Manager, thanked VIEW members for 60 years of support through sponsorships, fundraising and volunteering.

Several events were held across NSW. At Bateau Bay VIEW Club's luncheon on the Central Coast, there were 70 guests including women from other local community organisations. Attendees enjoyed hearing from two

guest speakers: Cathy Baker from Belle Property Central Coast; and Pastor Sandra Piefke. A highlight was the rousing rendition of "I am Woman", performed by Kristy Lee.

In Tamworth, 95 VIEW members and their friends gathered at Tamworth Jockey Club. National Vice President and Tamworth local, Beryl Pike delivered a thought-provoking opening address. Cindy Pearce, The Smith Family Program Coordinator in Tamworth, spoke to guests about her work with *Learning for Life* students. The event's guest speaker was Roya Moddi, an Iranian woman who recently

## Quiz answers

1. Robert Menzies
2. Rome
3. 'It's Now or Never', 'Are You Lonesome Tonight?', 'I Gotta Know'
4. The twist
5. The aluminium can

# Batlow VIEW members band together after fires

For Zone Councillor Janice Vanzella and some of her Batlow VIEW Club friends, last summer's devastating bushfire season changed their lives.

Batlow VIEW Club in southern NSW is a small club with 17 active members. With four members directly impacted by the bushfires, the club, which turns 30 this year, has banded together to share stories and support each other as a very different future unfolds for some.

"It's amazing how a catastrophe changes the course of your life," said Janice, one of the club's members who lost her family's home.

When the Dunns Road fire changed direction and headed for the tiny township of Batlow, Janice's home on the outskirts of Batlow was destroyed. Janice, Past President of Batlow VIEW Club, and her husband Tony had already evacuated with a few possessions, leaving behind a treasured home and garden of 35 years on 11 acres. It was three weeks before Janice was able to return to see her home in ruins.

For fellow Batlow VIEW member, Kath Hughes, aged 92, there hasn't been an opportunity to return to Batlow. Unfortunately, due to the randomness of the fire, Kath's home was one of the few dwellings fire crews were unable to save in the town itself.

Kath was evacuated to her family in Sydney and is yet to return to Batlow. Janice, who has been in contact with Kath, said the active and fun-loving VIEW member has made the hard decision to relocate to Sydney to be closer to family.

Janice and Tony have also decided not to rebuild, and instead will move to Sydney.

"We'll ease our way out and eventually go to Sydney because three of our children live there. We can be together as a family more often. A lot of people our age have to make a lifestyle change. For us, this is the time to make that lifestyle change," she said pragmatically.

Another VIEW member, Sue Turnley, who also lost her home outside Batlow, has had to rethink her retirement plan. Sue and her husband moved to Batlow from Sydney around 10 years ago. They now face the prospect of rebuilding or finding another place to call home.

The impact of the fire has been a little different for Batlow member Beth Pearce and her family. While Beth's home was spared, large areas of her family's grazing land, including stock, were lost as the fire ripped through the region. Her family's business - now run by her son - has been hard hit by the losses, forcing them to rethink their future plans.

Several other VIEW members, including Batlow VIEW Club's Treasurer Janet Verwey, Vice President Ann Miles and Publicity Officer Val Rooney, were also affected by the fires. Some lost fences, pastureland or sheds, while others were evacuated during the catastrophic conditions.

Throughout the days of the fires and the months following, Janice said her VIEW community was always there to help each other.

"My VIEW Club friends have definitely been a source of support. We were all constantly checking on each other."

Janice has been a member of Batlow VIEW Club for 29 years, serving on the committee for 28 years, until stepping down this year to take on the role of Zone Councillor. Janice said that although she plans to move to Sydney in the near future, VIEW will always be a part of her life.

"I have been committed to VIEW for a long time and I have enjoyed it so much. I've got so much out of it and I think the work they do for The Smith Family, through the *Learning for Life* program, is just phenomenal. My VIEW Club friends are my best friends. I will definitely seek out a VIEW Club in Sydney wherever I go."



VIEW Zone Councillor and Batlow member, Janice Vanzella





# Other VIEW news

## Two new clubs in Victoria

Watch out women of the Bellarine Peninsula in Victoria - there are some new VIEW Clubs in town: Ocean Grove Day VIEW Club and Point Lonsdale VIEW Club!

Although the combined inauguration celebration for the new clubs was postponed, the new members have been keen to start supporting VIEW and The Smith Family. The clubs' committees have opened bank accounts and started engaging with members, many of whom generously donated their refund for the inauguration event to VIEW.

These new clubs, both of which have more than 80 founding members, bring the total number of VIEW clubs in Victoria to 55. The new members join more than 100 other local VIEW members who belong to the thriving Ocean Grove Evening VIEW Club, which opened in 2012.

Lyn Geer from the VIEW Development Team in Victoria said VIEW members are very active in the Bellarine Peninsula, participating in a range of interest groups, as well as hosting and running social events and fundraising activities. Strong interest from women wanting to join VIEW was the catalyst for forming two new clubs



Ocean Grove Day VIEW Club Inaugural Committee

in the area.

"These new clubs provide the opportunity for more women to join in and enjoy the 'VIEW experience'," Lyn said.

Anne-Louise O'Connor, VIEW National President, said the organisation is delighted to be opening two more clubs in this 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee year.

"Joining one of our new VIEW clubs is the perfect opportunity to make new friends in your community, develop new skills and enjoy the satisfaction that you are helping disadvantaged young Australians through support for The Smith Family," said Anne-Louise.

"Thank you to the generous new members who made a donation. We look forward to celebrating with both new clubs in the future."

If you are interested in joining one of the new clubs, please contact the



Point Lonsdale VIEW Club Inaugural Committee

VIEW member below. If you wish to find a VIEW Club in your local area, please visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) for more information.

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Point Lonsdale VIEW Club  
Contact: Sue Bell 0412 563 310  
[pointlonsdale2.viewclub@gmail.com](mailto:pointlonsdale2.viewclub@gmail.com)

## A gem of a member

In 37 years Mountain Evening VIEW Club (NSW) member, Vivienne Brown, has only missed seven monthly club meetings. This year, to mark VIEW's 60th anniversary, this committed member has decided she wants to give a little extra to the organisation that means so much to her.

Vivienne has kindly donated funds to go towards purchasing a very special piece of diamond jewellery, which will be raffled as part of VIEW's Diamond Jubilee celebrations to raise much needed extra funds for The Smith Family.

"I wanted to give something that could be used to raise even more funds to help more students," Vivienne said.

"For me, VIEW is about meeting new people and sponsoring students on the *Learning for Life* program. Mountain Evening VIEW Club sponsors



Vivienne Brown at NSW Government House

four *Learning for Life* students. When I was Secretary, I would write letters to them and get the updates. We are all interested in hearing how they've progressed. It's good to see how the students grow and improve through the years."

Vivienne joined VIEW after some friends encouraged her.

She quickly became an enthusiastic member, spending 25 years on the club's committee as Secretary and President. She has also been a Zone and National Councillor, volunteered at her local Smith Family Learning Club, participated in The Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal, assisted in stationery drives, run raffles and helped at countless fundraising events.

"VIEW has given me an interest in something different to what I already had. I think it's a great idea. I enjoy the people and I like to participate in and support other club activities. I like that VIEW is a women's club and that it's Australia-wide."

With three years until she reaches her 40th anniversary with VIEW, Vivienne said she isn't ready to hang up her purple apron just quite yet. "I really do enjoy being part of VIEW and I'll see it through as long as I can!"

# Around the Clubs

## Christmas gift giving

VIEW members from WA Western Suburbs VIEW Club were channelling the five founders of The Smith Family last Christmas when they donated hundreds of dollars' worth of toys to The Smith Family's Child and Parent Centre in Roseworth, near Perth. The VIEW members, who have a close relationship with the centre, decided to donate the

gifts so families supported by The Smith Family could put their money towards food for Christmas rather than presents for their children. Helen Burgess, The Smith Family Manager of the Roseworth Child and Parent Centre was grateful to receive the Christmas gifts from Di Hartigan, Secretary of WA Western Suburbs VIEW Club and fellow member, Glen Lunt.



## Congratulations Jennie!

Colac Evening VIEW Club (VIC) congratulates its long-serving member and now 2020 Colac Otway Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Jennifer Scott. Jennie received the award in recognition of her five decades of commitment to local community groups, organisations and activities in Colac Otway Shire. Over the years Jennie has given her time and skills to a diverse range of local committees, parish councils, schools, sporting events and local organisations including VIEW. Since joining Colac Evening VIEW Club in 2003, Jennie has held various committee positions, including President. Well-deserved Jennie!



## The nimble knitters club

Heidelberg VIEW Club members (VIC) give back to their local community in many ways: preparing and distributing breakfast to secondary school students, donating food supplies, supporting women and children in communities devastated by flood and fire, and providing literacy support in classrooms, to name but a few!

Yet that's not all - these VIEW members also excel at knitting! The nimble-fingered and diligent members have knitted and distributed hundreds of items in the name of VIEW to various local organisations. Their wares include purple 'Beanies Not Meanies' hats created for an anti-bullying program supported by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation. By donating these beautifully knitted items to local groups, the talented members are spreading VIEW's name far and wide.

Heidelberg VIEW members  
L-R: Elizabeth Lawrie,  
Adrienne Bond, Heather  
Downes-Bass, Jenny Laught



## Learning Club stars

Members from Caboolture VIEW Club (QLD) are a much appreciated part of The Smith Family's Learning Club at Morayfield East State School. The VIEW members have volunteered at the Learning Club for three years, helping the children with their school work. The VIEW members have discovered one-on-one

instruction is the best way to adapt to each student's individual learning style and needs. They've also learnt that games like chess and cards are always popular after the homework, maths, reading or public speaking projects are reluctantly finished. Well done to our VIEW members for making a difference to these children!



## Crazy Whist fundraiser

A morning spent playing the confusing, yet entertaining card game, Crazy Whist, recently raised enough funds for Chapel Hill VIEW Club (QLD) to support eight students on The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program. This was only the club's second Crazy Whist fundraiser, with the first event being held last year. This year, 30 women attended, including members from Chapel Hill, Centenary Evening and Kenmore VIEW Clubs. No previous Crazy Whist experience was necessary. Failure was not an option; just lots of laughs, camaraderie and a delightful morning tea. Well done Chapel Hill VIEW!



## Dollars add up with bike count

In a unique fundraising activity, members from Keilor Evening, Shepparton Day, Castlemaine Evening, Point Cook and Altona VIEW Clubs (VIC) around Bendigo participated in Super Tuesday, Australia's biggest annual commuter bike count, run by Bicycle Network. The count, which takes place across Australia, records volumes, gender, and movement flow of people on

bikes, in partnership with councils and local community groups. The volunteers, who completed two hours of bike counting, received \$60 each into their VIEW Club bank accounts. Bev Orgill (pictured) from Castlemaine Evening VIEW Club said it was a fun way to boost funds to put towards sponsored students or other Smith Family programs.

## BBQ entices new members

Bunnings sausage sizzles are a popular way to raise much-needed club funds, but as Lithgow VIEW Club (NSW) recently

discovered, these fundraisers are also a great way to appeal to new members. After talking to customers about VIEW's connection with The

Smith Family, the club not only raised a substantial sum for its sponsored students, but also attracted several new members!



L-R Doreen Hart, Anna Ius, Debbie Bennett, Deirdre Culla and Kerry Cowden



# VIEW celebrates together

## VIEW 60th Anniversary celebrations and International Women's Day (IWD) functions



South Australian Vice Regal event



Tasmanian 60th celebration



Queensland Vice Regal event



Queensland Vice Regal event



New South Wales Vice Regal event



Adelaide, South Australia, IWD event



Bribie Island, Queensland, IWD event



Coolangatta/Tweed Heads, New South Wales, IWD event



Melbourne, Victoria, IWD event



Peakhurst, New South Wales, IWD event



# VIEW

Limited Edition Merchandise

All money raised from the sale of VIEW gifts helps children in need to succeed at school



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## 60th Anniversary

- 1. Fan - \$5 | 2. Pen - \$8
- 3. Tea towel - \$12 | 4. Spectacle cleaner - \$5
- 5. Pin (20mm x 20mm) - \$8 | 6. Shopping bag - \$5

## Other merchandise

- 7. Purple poncho - \$10

To order any of these VIEW gifts, please email: [view@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:view@thesmithfamily.com.au)



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Australian children living in poverty are at greater risk than ever before of falling behind with their learning.

Without your support they may never catch up and fulfil their potential.

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